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In re application of: David C. Hovda.

Application No.: 10/656,597

Filed: September 5, 2003

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
TREATING INTERVERTE BRAL
DISCS

Examiner: Rosiland Rollins

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 20, 2006, Applicants respectfully
request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following
amendments and comments.

A listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.



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